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By the author of COMMON SENSE.

THOSE who expect to reap the bleſſings of freedom muſt, like men, undergo the fatigue of ſupporting it. The event of yeſterday is one of thoſe kind of alarms which is juſt ſufficient to rouſe us to duty, without being of conſequence enough to depreſs our fortitude. It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cauſe that we are defending; and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the conſequence will be the ſame.

Look back at the events of laſt winter and the preſent year; there you will find that the enemy's ſucceſſes have always contributed to reduce them. What they have gained in ground, they paid ſo dearly for in numbers, that their victories have in the end amounted to defeats. We have always been maſters at the laſt puſh, and always ſhall while we do our duty. Howe has been once on the banks of the Delaware, and from thence driven back with loſs and diſgrace; and why not be again driven from the Schuylkill? His condition and ours are very different. He has every body to fight; we have only his *one* army to cope with, and which waſtes away at every engagement; we can not only reinforce, but can redouble our numbers; he is cut off from all ſupplies, and muſt ſooner or later inevitably fall into our hands.

ſhall a band of ten or twelve thouſand robbers, who are this day fifteen hundred or two thouſand men leſs in ſtrength than they were yeſterday, conquer America, or ſubdue even a ſingle ſtate? The thing cannot be, unleſs we ſit down and ſuffer them to do it. Another ſuch a bruſh, notwithſtanding we loſt the ground, would, by ſtill reducing the enemy, put them in a condition to be afterwards totally defeated.

Could our whole army have come up to the attack at one time, the conſequences had probably been otherwiſe, but our having different parts of the Brandywine creek to guard, and the uncertainty which road to Philadelphia the enemy would attempt to take, naturally afforded them an opportunity of paſſing their main body at a place where only a party of ours could be poſted, for it muſt ſtrike every thinking man with conviction that it requires a much greater force to oppoſe an enemy in ſeveral places than is ſufficient to defeat them in any one place.

Men who are ſincere in defending their freedom, will always feel concern at every circumſtance which to make againſt them; it is the natural and honeſt conſequence of all affectionate attachments, and the want of it is a vice; but the dejection laſts only for a moment; they ſoon riſe out of it with additional vigour; the glow of hope, courage, and fortitude, will in a little time ſupply the place of every inferiour paſſion, and kindle the whole heart into heroiſm.

There is a myſtery in the countenances of ſome cauſes, which we have not always preſent judgment enough to explain. It is diſtreſſing to ſee an enemy advancing into a country, but it is the only place in which we can beat them, and in which we have always beaten them, whenever they made the attempt. The nearer any diſeaſe approaches to a criſis, the nearer it is to a cure. Danger and deliverance make their advances together, and it is only at the laſt puſh that one or the other takes the lead.

There are many men who will do their duty when it is not wanted, but a genuine puplick ſpirit always appears moſt when there is moſt occaſion for it. Thank GOD! our army, though fatigued, is yet entire. The attack made by us yeſterday was under many diſadvantages, naturally ariſing from the uncertainty of knowing which route the enemy would take; and, from that circumſtance, the whole of our force could not be brought up together time enough to engage all at once. Our ſtrength is yet reſerved, and it is evident that Howe does not think himſelf a gainer by the affair, otherwiſe he would this morning have moved down and attacked General Waſhington.

Gentlemen of the city and country, it is in your power, by ſpirited improvement of the preſent circumſtance, to turn it to a real advantage. Howe is now weaker than before, and every ſhot will contribute to reduce him. You are more immediately intereſted than any other part of the continent; your ALL is at ſtake. It is not ſo with the general cauſe; you are devoted by the enemy to plunder and deſtruction; it is the encouragement which Howe, the chief of plunderers, has promiſed his army. Thus circumſtanced, you may ſave yourſelves by a manly reſiſtance; but you can have no hope in any other conduct. I never yet knew our brave General, or any part of the army, officers or men, out of heart, and I have ſeen them in circumſtances a thouſand times more trying than the preſent. It is only thoſe that are not in action that feel languor and heavineſs, and the beſt way to rub it off is to turn out and make ſure work of it.

Our army muſt undoubtedly feel fatigue and want a reinforcent of reſt, though not of valour. Our own intereſt and happineſs call upon us to give them every ſupport in our power, and make the burthen of the day, on which the ſafety of this city depends, as light as poſſible. Remember, gentlemen, that we have forces both to the northward and ſouthward of Philadelphia; and if the enemy be but ſtopped till thoſe can arrive, this city will be ſaved, and the enemy finally routed. You have too much at ſtake to heſitate; you ought not to think an hour upon the matter, but to ſpring to action at once. Our States have been invaded, and have likewiſe driven off the invaders. Now OUR turn and time is come, and perhaps the finiſhing ſtroke is reſerved for us. When we look back on the dangers we have been ſaved from, and reflect on the ſucceſſes we have been bleſſed with, it would be ſinful either to be idle or deſpair.

I cloſe this paper with a ſhort addreſs to General Howe. You, ſir, are only lingering out the period that ſhall bring with it your defeat. You have yet ſcarce begun upon the war; and the farther you enter, the faſter will your troubles thicken. What you now enjoy is only a reſpite from ruin; an invitation to deſtruction; a ſomething that will lead on to our deliverance, at your expenſe. We know the cauſe we are engaged in; and though a paſſionate fondneſs for it may make us grieve at every injury which threatens it, yet when the moment of concern is over the determination to duty returns. We are not the hireling ſlaves of a beggarly tyrant, nor the cringing flatterers of an infamous court. We are not moved by the gloomy ſmile of a worthleſs king, but by the ardent glow of generous patriotiſm. We fight not to enſlave, but to ſet a country free, and to make room upon the earth for honeſt men to live in. In ſuch a cauſe, we are ſure we are right; and we leave to you the diſpairing reflection of being the tool of a miſerable tyrant.

COMMON SENSE.

Extract of a letter from *Cheſter* county.

"*A venerable old gentleman, Mr. William Hughes of this county, went down a few days ago into Newcaſtle county, to ſee what was come of a daughter of his who had married and ſettled near the place now occupied by our worſe than ſavage foes. On his way he was met by a party of ſix Heſſians, who diſmounted and ſtripped him, and then, with the moſt wanton barbarity, ſcourged the poor old gentleman in ſuch a manner as would ſhock humanity. This account I have from a young lady who ſaw his back at the hoſpitable houſe, to which, with the utmoſt difficulty, he had made a ſhift to crawl.*

P. S. You may be aſſured they ſtole the horſe."

The Oliver Cromwell, from New London, Connecticut, commanded by Captain Harding, has ſent into Bedford a very valuable prize; her cargo conſiſting of tea, leather, ſhoes, clothing, linen, wine, porter, cordage, beef, pork, and butter. She was bound to St. John's, Newfoundland. The prize-maſter reports, that he left Captain Harding in purſuit of a fleet of fifteen merchantmen, under convoy of an old Indiaman cut down, and mounting twenty guns, ſix and four pounders, navigated by fifty men. As the Cromwell is more than a match for the convoy, the hope ſeveral more of this fleet may find their way into our ports.

NEWCASTLE *county, ſc.*

"THIS day came Francis Alexander, a reputable reſident in the county aforeſaid, before me the ſubſcriber, a juſtice of the peace, and made oath that he was an eye-witneſs to ſeveral brutal ravages committed by the mercileſs troops of the tyrant of Great Britain on their late landing on the Head of Elk. That he particularly ſaw one of them, in the preſence of divers others, raviſh, or attempt violently to effect it, on the perſon of a young woman of ſpotleſs character living at his houſe, notwithſtanding her cries and reſiſtance to the contrary, at the ſame time making uſe of ſevere menaces in caſe of refuſal; and ſundry other acts of barbarity he ſaw there perpetrated ſhocking to humanity, and which cry aloud for vengeance.

FRANCIS ALEXANDER.

Sworn to before me this 21ſt of *Auguſt*, 1777.

GEORGE LATIMER.

The above depoſition was taken in our preſence—William Maxwell, B. G. Alexander Martin, Col. ſecond battalion, N. C. Theodorick Bland, Colonel firſt regiment L. D. troops.

BALTIMORE, *September* 4.

By his Excellency Sir WILLIAM HOWE.

A declaration to the inhabitants of Pennſylvania, the lower counties on Delaware, and the counties on the eaſtern ſhore of Maryland.

SIR WILLIAM HOWE regretting the calamities to which many of his majeſty's faithful ſubjects are ſtill expoſed by the continuance of the rebellion, and no leſs deſirous of protecting the innocent than determined to purſue with the rigours of war all thoſe whom his majeſty's forces, in the courſe of their progreſs, may find in arms againſt the king, doth hereby aſſure the peaceable inhabitants of the province of Pennſylvania, the lower counties on Delaware, and the counties of Maryland on the eaſtern ſhore of Cheſapeake bay, that in order to remove any groundleſs apprehenſions which may have been raiſed, of their ſuffering by depredations of the army under his command, he hath iſſued the ſtricteſt orders to the troops for the preſervation of regularity and good diſcipline, and has ſignified that the moſt exemplary puniſhment ſhall be inflicted upon thoſe who ſhall dare to plunder the property or moleſt the perſons of any of his majeſty's well diſpoſed ſubjects.

Security and protection are likewiſe extended to all perſons, inhabitants of the province and counties aforeſaid, who (not guilty of having aſſumed legiſlative or judicial authority) may have acted illegally in ſubordinate ſtations, and conſcious of their miſconduct, been induced to leave their dwellings, provided ſuch perſons do forthwith return, and remain peaceably in their uſual place of abode.

Conſidering, moreover, that many officers and private men, now actually in arms againſt his majeſty, may be willing to relinquiſh the part they have taken in this rebellion, and return to their due allegiance, ſir William Howe doth therefore promiſe a free and general pardon to all ſuch officers and private men as ſhall voluntarily come and ſurrender themſelves to any detachment of his majeſty's forces, before the day on which it ſhall be notified that the ſaid indulgence ſhall be diſcontinued.

Given under my hand, at head quarters of the army, the 27th of Auguſt, 1777.

By his Excellency's command,

ROB. M'KENZIE, ſec'ry.

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WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 25, 1777.

THE officers who are abſent with leave, and the ſoldiers abſent on furlough, of the troops of this ſtate (except thoſe whoſe furloughs are not expired) are deſired to join their reſpective companies immediately, otherwiſe they will be deemed deſerters, and treated as ſuch.

HAYNES MORGAN,
Colonel Commandant of the State troops.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 3.

OUR noble friend the Earl of CHATHAM, ſeconded by the Duke of Grafton, Lord Gower, the Biſhop of Peterborough, the Duke of Manchester, Lord Camden, Lord Shelburne, &c. made a motion in the Houſe of Lords, May 30th, that an addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, moſt humbly to adviſe him to take the moſt ſpeedy and effectual meaſures for putting a ſtop to the preſent unnatural war with the Britiſh colonies, fraught with impending ruin to Old England, upon the only juſt and ſolid foundation, namely, *the removal of accumulated grievances*. Theſe illuſtrious Peers were feebly combated by the hireling juncto, particularly the Lord Preſident, old Mansfield, the arch-devil of York, and the finicking Lord Littleton; but, notwithſtanding the futility of their arguments, miniſterial GOLD prevailed, for on a diviſion upon the queſtion, the numbers were, againſt the petition ninety nine, for it twenty eight. Americans may now clearly ſee what they have to truſt to------an immediate and powerful exertion of their own ſtrength, can pull down the haughty ſtomachs of our inveterate enemies, that, at laſt, the eyes of the people of England may be opened to their own intereſt, by recognizing our independence, when the old harmony may be eſtabliſhed, upon commercial principles, to the mutual intereſt of both countries.

Laſt Tueſday, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the two Captains Barrons fell in with a tender, off the old fort below Hampton, carrying ſome freſh proviſions from Captain Squire to Commodore Parker. After about ten minutes engaging, the tender's people called out for quarters, and the ſame evening were conducted ſafe into Hampton. She was commanded by a certain Dunbar of Glouceſter county, who bears a very indifferent character, and acted as a pilot for the enemy. He, with five ſailors, and five negroes, are now lodged in the publick jail.—Captains Barrons ſent the freſh proviſions, a mutton and half, with their compliments to Commodore Parker.

Commodore Parker in the Phœnix, with three frigates and a topſail ſchooner, now lie in Hampton road; and Captain Squire, in the Otter ſloop, lies off Cherryſtone's, upon the Eaſtern Shore.

A letter from a general officer, dated camp near Schuylkill, 28 *miles from* Philadelphia, *Sept.* 22, 1777.

"I have only time to inform your Excellency, that on the 11th inſtant we had very nigh given the enemy a ſevere drubbing. The action commenced about 8 o'clock in the morning, and, with ſeveral intermiſſions, continued till night. About 10 o'clock it reſembled an earthquake, far exceeding the loudeſt thunder. Lieutenant Col. Neaville, of the 12th, began the attack at Birmingham meeting-houſe, and his regiment was the laſt that quitted the field—they behaved well. Col. Marſhall, of the 3d regiment, attacked the enemy's left column with his ſingle regiment, and at firſt repulſed them; but, overpowered by numbers, was obliged to retire, which he did in good order. In this conteſt, which continued violent for near three quarters of an hour, this brave regiment loſt four officers on the ſpot, amongſt them a brave young gentleman, Lieutenant Peyton, and Captain Chilton, who, brave as Wolfe, imitated his manner in death, inquiring about the ſucceſs of the day as he expired. The Colonels Nelſon and Innis, and Major Richeſon, diſtinguiſhed themſelves, and I ſuppoſe many other officers, whom I had not an opportunity of obſerving in the action."

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, *Sept.* 16, 1777.

"A veſſel is arrived at Marbehead, in New England, from Spain, with continental ſtores, conſiſting of about 3000 blankets, ſhoes, hoſe, hats, ſtockings, cordage, tent cloth, ſhirts, anchors, &c. &c. to a conſiderable amount; and a prize, with 12,000 buſhels of ſalt, is carried into Boſton, bound to New York from Liverpool. The letters in this prize ſhow how completely the Engliſh miniſtry have deceived the people into a belief that America muſt be conquered this campaign, in conſequence of which their merchants are ſpeculating to a great amount.

The poſtmaſter in Upper Malbro' writes, of the 29th ult. 4 o'clock P. M. that Howe croſſed the Schuylkill the Monday before, at Richardſon's and another ford, without oppoſition, after having ſurpriſed and beat up General Wayne's camp.---- Burgoyne, it was ſaid, is ſurrounded by General Gates, and the other generals.----The Poſtmaſter in Fredericksburg writes, as laſt Tueſday, that people in that place are inclinable to believe the above account, of Howe's croſſing the Schuylkill, &c. is without foundation, as a perſon was then in town, who left our army on the Tueſday following, and ſays he heard nothing of it.

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AMPTHILL, *Sept.* 22, 1777.

HAVING received a letter of reſignation from the clerk of the Senate, I give this publick notice that the office is vacant.

ARCH. CARY, Speaker of the Senate.

By order of his Excellency the GOVERNOUR.

THE officers of the troops of this ſtate are hereby required, without loſs of time, to make out accurate returns of their reſpective numbers, ſtations, and conditions, in all reſpects; and it is expected they will be particular in ſuch returns, diſtinguiſhing every individual article of arms, accoutrements, military ſtores, blankets, clothing, and camp utenſils. All gentlemen officers of the ſecond and third regiments of ſtate troops, who are now out recruiting, are hereby alſo ſtrictly enjoined and required either to attend in perſon at this place, or tranſmit accurate liſts of their men, and alſo to order all ſuch recruits to repair to head quarters without delay. And it is alſo ordered, that all ſoldiers of ſaid troops who have been indulged with furloughs for the recovery of their healths, and whoſe time is elapſed, that they immediarely return to their duty; or they will be deemed deſerters, and treated accordingly.

DAVID MASON, Col. 15th *Virg.* reg.

Head Quarters, *Williamsburg*, *Oct.* 1, 1777.

For SALE,

SEVEN hundred acres of land in *Brunſwick* county, on the *Otterdam* ſwamp, and in the neighbourhood of Colonel *Fiſher*, Mr. *Yazewell*, and many other gentlemen. It is of exceding good quality for grain, and part of it for tobacco; there are valuable and convenient improvements; and one moiety of a good griſt mill, on a good run, and in a neighbourhood where there is no want of cuſtom, appertains to the land. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the terms of Col. *Maſon* in *Williamsburg*, Capt. *John Brown* in *Suſſex*, or the ſubſcriber on the premiſes.

JAMES MASON.

To be SOLD for ready money, at Urbanna, *on* Monday *the thirteenth inſtant* (October)

BETWEEN ſeventy and eighty barrels of fine FLOUR, belonging to *Joſhua Storrs* & Company. (1) HUGH WALKER.

To be SOLD *at* York *town, on* Friday *the* 10th *inſtant* (October)

THE ſloop SCORPION, burthen about 70 or 80 tuns, *Bermudian* built, with a complete ſuit of ſails, rigging, and materials, as *per* inventory to be ſeen at my office; ſhe has been lately cleaned and repaired, and is in good order to receive a cargo for ſea. At the ſame time and place will be ſold a large quantity of *Alexandria* FLOUR, a little injured by the heat of the ſummer, and a quantity of damaged BEEF and BACON. And on the 11th will be ſold, at *Hampton*, a double decked BRIGANTINE, lately launched, with a full ſuit of ſails and rigging. And on *Monday* the 16th will be ſold, at *Portſmouth*, ſeveral ſtrong well built FLAT BOTTOMED BOATS, excellently conſtructed for the river buſineſs, as they will carry upwards of 50 hhds. of tobacco each; or they will anſwer well to be decked for coaſters, particularly for the *Charleſtown* trade; alſo about 200 barrels of damaged FLOUR.

(1) W. AYLETT, A. C. N.

For SALE,

SUNDRY valuable TRACTS of LAND, in *Rowan* county, *N. Carolina*, to the amount of 2500 acres, on which there is a very good dwelling-houſe two ſtories high, 46 by 34, with four rooms on a floor, and a fireplace in each room, all convenient outhouſes, kitchen, ſmokehouſe, workhouſe, dairy, good barn and ſtables, overſeer's houſe, a griſt-mill in view, meadow land cleared and to be cleared, about 250 acres of high land cleared, excellent for wheat and corn, &c. Alſo TO BE SOLD, 140 head of cattle, hogs, horſes, and ſheep, with a large quantity of houſehold furniture, and a number of likely young NEGROES. Whoever is deſirous of purchaſing any of the aforeſaid articles may apply to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes, about a mile and a half from *Salisbury*, where they ſhall meet with civil treatment; and as he propoſes leaving the country as ſoon as he can diſpoſe of his property, and ſettle his affairs, he deſires all perſons indebted either to himſelf or the eſtate of his brother, *John Frohock*, Eſq; deceaſed, to take this as the laſt notice, and oblige their indulgent friend, 2‖ THOMAS FROHOCK.

SALISBURY, *Sept.* 1. 1777.

WILLIAMSBURG; *Sept.* 25, 1777.

GREAT wages will be given by the ſubſcriber to journeymen GUNSMITHS, BLACKSMITHS, and NAILORS, that are good workmen. None others need apply. Six or eight boys are wanting, as APPRENTICES. (tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

PITTSYLVANIA, *Sept.* 7, 1777.

SOME time in the year 1775, as well as I remember, I paſſed my bond to *Blizard M'Guider* for the ſum of 19 l. 10s. which ſum I am ready to pay to him, or any other perſon authoriſed to receive the ſame. 2‖ WILLIAM PIGG.

HEAD QUARTERS, WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 1, 1777.

FINDING *that the quotas of men draughted from the following counties*, viz. Elizabeth City, Buckingham, Charles City, Eſſex, Henrico, King & Queen, Lancaſter, Middleſex, Mecklenburg, New Kent, James City, York, Glouceſter, *and the city of* Williamsburg, *are to be retained in the ſervice of this ſtate, in lieu of a like number already given up to continental uſe, I am therefore to order and direct, that the ſaid ſeveral quotas, with ſuch officers as are within this ſtate, do immediately repair to this ſtation; and that the gentlemen officers, if they have, in conſequence of a former advertiſement of mine, delivered their men and money, as therein mentioned, to officers in continental ſervice, that they, without delay, ſtop them from marching on, and that they repair to this place, and ſend the money by each ſuch officer received, that proper applications may be made of it.*

DAVID MASON, Col. fifteenth Virg. reg.

To be SOLD at publick auction, for ready money, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of Nicholas Goldwell, *deceaſed, on* Friday *the tenth inſtant* (October)

A TRACT of LAND, containing about 123 acres, adjoining *Bacon's* ordinary in *New Kent* county, whereon is a good dwelling-houſe with one brick chimney, and other outhouſes fit for the reception of a ſmall family. The land is well watered, there is a good apple orchard, and it is convenient to church, mill, &c. The ſale will be held at Mrs. *Goldwell's*, near *Bottom's Bridge*. At the ſame time and place will be ſold a large quantity of joiners and houſe carpenters tools, houſehold and kitchen furniture, horſes, cattle, hogs, &c. All perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate are requeſted to make ſpeedy payment, and thoſe who have any claims are deſired to make them known to 1‖ JOHN LACY, executor.

CAROLINE, *Sept.* 23, 1777.

WHEREAS my wife, *Elſley George*, has gone from my houſe, and for ſome time paſt has not behaved as a wife to me, I hereby forewarn all perſons from truſting her, as I will not pay any debts ſhe may contract. 2‖ JOHN GEORGE.

FOR ſale, and may be entered on immediately, between four and five hundred acres of land in *Hanover* county, about twelve miles above *Newcaſtle*, and nine miles to *Richmond*, convenient to the court-houſe and ſeveral very good mills. There is on the land a dwelling-houſe thirty two by twenty eight feet, four rooms below with three fire places, and two rooms above, a kitchen thirty two by ſixteen feet, two rooms below and two above, with three fire places, a granary, two tobacco houſes, and ſeveral convenient outhouſes, very good apple and peach orchards, and about ſeventy thouſand corn hills ſowed in wheat. The plantation is in good order for cropping, and very kind for tobacco, wheat, or corn. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe the ſaid land may know the terms by applying to Captain *Thomas Auſtin*, who lives in the neighbourhood, or the ſubſcriber in *Prince Edward* county.

‖ CHARLES ALLEN.

N. B. Corn, wheat, and fodder, may be had on the land, on reaſonable teams.

☞ If the land is not ſold by the firſt of *December*, it will be rented for one year.

DESERTED laſt *February*, from Captain *Nat. Burwell's* company of artillery, STEPHEN KELSEY, about five feet eight or ten inches high, of a ſwarthy complexion, has light hair, a down look when ſpoke to, an impediment in his ſpeech, and is ſuppoſed to be gone to *N. Carolina*. Whoever delivers him to the commanding officer in *Williamsburg* ſhall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward.

‖ WILLIAM MEREDITH, Capt. Lieut.

DESERTED from my company of continental artillery, JOHN NUTTLE, five feet five or ſix inches high, twenty one or twenty two years of age, has light hair, was bred to the ſea, and is ſuppoſed to be gone to *Philadelphia*. Whoever delivers him to the commanding officer of the continental troops at *York* or *Portſmouth* ſhall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward.

‖ N. BURWELL, Captain of artillery.

GREEN SPRING, *September* 24, 1777.

ALL perſons indebted to me, by bond or otherwiſe, are deſired to meet me at *Hanover* and *Henrico* courts in *November*, in order to diſcharge the ſame; and thoſe who have any demands againſt me are requeſted to produce their accounts, properly adjuſted. Thoſe who fail to pay off their bonds may depend on having them lodged with *Peter Lyons*, eſq; for ſuits to be commenced. ‖ JOHN ELLIS.

RUN away from *Green Spring*, ths thirteenth of of this inſtant (*September*) MARCUS, a negro fellow of a yelloviſh complexion, about thirty five years old, five feet three or four inches high, and had on a pair of iron ſhanci's. He had on an old ſtraw hat, ſhoes and ſtockings, old drill breeches, old oſnabrug ſhirt, blue ſtriped *Virginia* cloth waiſtcoat, and a blue duffil coat. Whoever apprehends the ſaid fellow, and delivers him to me at *Green Spring*, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward. ‖ JOHN ELLIS.

I DO hereby declare, that the ſuſpicion I had of *Charles Tomer's* taking ſundry ſilver watches, which I have loſt, is without any foundation, as I never knew he took any thing from me ſince he has been my apprentice. Witneſs my hand, this fifteenth day of *September* one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy ſeven.

Witneſs, ‖ NICHOLAS GAUTIER.
STEPHEN TANKARD.
WILLIAM WALKER.

To be RENTED,

SEVEN neat rooms, in the house occupied by Mr. *Richard Charlton*, in the back street, opposite to Mrs. *Starke's*, to gentlemen who choose to live private and furnish their own rooms. A good stable beonging to the premises, and immediate possession given at the meeting of the Assembly.

Will be exposed to sale at Wakefield, *in* Surry *county, on* Thursday *the* 30*th instant* (October) *for ready money,*

ELEVEN likely young Virginia born NEGROES. At the same time will also be sold, for ready money, all the estate of Mrs. *Susannah Harrison* deceased, consisting of cattle, sheep, and hogs, several beds, and many other articles necessary towards housekeeping, such as salt, iron pots of different sizes, and many other things too tedious to mention.—The subscriber requests that all those who have any demands against the said estate will make them known on the day of sale, and those indebted to make immediate payment,—to

NATH. HARRISON, Administrator.

BERTIE county, N. Carolina, *Sept.* 16, 1777.

IN *March* 1775 I gave my bond to *Thomas Ballard* for the sum of 345l. proclamation money of *N. Carolina*, which was assigned to *Archibald Cunison*. As he is dead, I do not know who has the bond in possession; but whoever has it is desired to apply to me for payment, as I will not pay any interest on it after *March* last, which was the time the bond became due.

1‡ WATKIN WILLIAM WYNNS.

To be SOLD at publick vendue, at the Battery *in* Gloucester *county, on* Saturday the 18*th instant* (October)

A QUANTITY of good *St. Croix* RUM and SUGAR, also a few pounds of best HYSON TEA. 2p

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WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 18, 1777.

DESERTED from the *Mecklenburg* company of regulars belonging to this state the following soldiers, *viz. James Hudson, Thomas Sutton, Garner Green, Richard Melton, Nehemiah Matthews, Nathan Russell*, and *Page Pucket*, natives of said county. If they will return in a month from this date, and deliver themselves to the commanding officer in this city, they shall receive their bounty money, and be excused; but should they continue out after that time, a reward of TEN DOLLARS will be given for each of them.—Deserted likewise, *John Thomas*, a blacksmith, who lately worked in *Amelia* county; *William Harris*, who said he came from *Culpeper*; *John Harris*, and *William Harris*, two brothers from *Carolina*. TWENTY DOLLARS will be given for each of them, and it is hoped that all well wishers to the *American* cause will be active in taking them, as they are vile offenders. *Thomas* has enlisted with two or three officers, and the other three have received very considerable sums of money to take other mens places. ‡ ISAAC HOLMES, Ensign.

ONE hundred and thirty DOLLARS reward for apprehending ESDALE COMES, JOHN LUNSFORD, JAMES LEE, EVAN OWENS, PETER EADES, JAMES MARDERS, CHARLES REEVES, JOHN CHILCOTT, BURDITT MILLS, SIMON PERRY, MICHAEL WELSH, EVAN PAYNE (a mulatto) EPHRAIM OWENS, and JOHN CASH. The said *Cash* removed, some time after the draught, into *Loudoun* county, near the *Marsh* there; and it is requested of all officers, civil and military, to make diligent search after him. As the above men were draughted, I cannot give any particular description of their size, dress, or features. They failed meeting after proper notice was given, and therefore I will give the above reward, or TEN DOLLARS for each, if delivered to me at *King George* courthouse.

1‖ JOHN TANKERSLEY, Lieut.

☞ WILLIAM CAMPBELL, an *Irishman*, a shoemaker by trade, about 35 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, of a fair complexion, dark hair, and much pitted with the smallpox, who enlisted last *December* into the regular service, and took the bounty money, I will give TWENTY DOLLARS reward for, if delivered to me, or any continental officer.

DESERTED from the *Manly* galley, two men, *viz.* JOHN HARFORD, a sailor, who is about thirty years old, five feet eight or nine inches high, has short black hair, a very dark skin, is much addicted to liquor, and very talkative when so; had on when he went away a pair of canvas trousers, an old jacket, and a check shirt. WILLIAM WILKINS, a serjeant of marines, and formerly enlisted by captain *John C. Cocke*; he is about twenty five years old, five feet seven or eight inches high, and had on when he went away an old pair of white *Virginia* cloth breeches and cotton shirt. Whoever delivers the said men on board, or secures them so that I get them, shall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward.

‖ WILLIAM SAUNDERS, Captain.

NEWCASTLE, *Sept.* 24, 1777.

STOLEN from my plantation in *King William*, two miles from *Newcastle*, early in this month, a BLACK MARE 4 feet 7 or 8 inches high, rather dull, her mane thick, shoulders much scarred by working, and the end of one of her ears is cut off; she is also scarred on the right buttock. Whoever delivers the said horse to me shall have 20s. reward and on conviction of the thief 5l.

DOROTHY JOHNSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *in* COUNCIL, *September* 25, 1777.

WHEREAS several of the officers recruiting for the regiment of artillery have failed to make any return, and others have not recruited their quotas of men, I do hereby order all such officers to attend the Governour and Council on *Thursday* the 16th of next month, with certificates of the enlistments, and reviews of the men by them recruited respectively, when they will receive such commissions as their numbers of men entitle them to, according to the quotas fixed by the Board. And all such as shall not then appear to be entitled to commissions will be discontinued, and such others appointed in their stead as shall make application, and have a prospect of recruiting their men.

By order of COUNCIL,

JOHN PAGE, Lieut. Gov.

IN COUNCIL, *Sept.* 25, 1777.

A PURCHASING commissary of provisions for the use of the ARMY and NAVY of this state is wanted for the ensuing year. Any persons inclined to engage in this business are desired to attend the Board, on Friday the 17th of next month.

By order of the Board.

ARCHIBALD BLAIR, clerk.

HEAD QUARTERS, WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 15, 1777.

HAVING received orders from his Excellency General *Washington*, commanding me to order all the new raised troops in this state, as well as those who have been on furlough, to be collected and marched on to the town of *Alexandria*, there to be inoculated, I am therefore to command all recruiting continental officers within this commonwealth to pay the strictest obedience to these orders, and that they do without delay forward to me a list of all recruits, as well draughted as others; and the county lieutenants, where there is no continental officer to receve the draughts, are hereby required to call on some one in the next, or any convenient county, and deliver said troops to such officer. They are also requested to transmit to me a list of the men by them draughted, and to whom delivered, that proper accounts may be transmitted to the General. The gentlemen will also pay to some recruiting officer, or officers, the several sums which by law they are liable to pay where they fail to procure a man; and the said officer, or officers, are hereby directed to procure the number of men with the said money, if to be had, and to account for it in future.——The great humanity shewn to many imprudent soldiers, not considering their own credit nor the good of the service, who, after deserting, have failed to avail themselves of the several pardons that have been offered to them upon their returning to their respective regiments, and still continue out in defiance of the laws, I take this opportunity of once more admonishing to return to their duty, and, in his Excellency General *Washington's* name, promise them a free pardon if they will deliver themselves to any continental officer, within six weeks from the date hereof, in order to join the grand army.—I am also to entreat the several county lieutenants to pay proper attention to this Excellency the Governour's proclamation for apprending deserters, as well as to the act of Assembly for that purpose, that a stop, if possible, may be put to that vile practice, and our army put on the most respectable footing.

DAVID MASON, Col. fifteenth *Virg.* reg.

RICHMOND, *Sept.* 22, 1777.

I INTEND for *Great Britain* by the first opportunity. —p— JOHN SKELTON.

To be LET, *on* Monday *the* 20*th instant* (October)

THE ferry in *Prince George* county, commonly known by the name of *Wilkins's*. Any person inclinable to rent it may know the terms by attending that day on the premises. 2‖

CAROLINE, *Sept.* 15, 1777.

WHEREAS the subscriber, who has been a soldier in Captain *Thomas Meriwether's* company, but has obtained a discharge, on condition that he provide an able bodied man to take his place, this is to acquaint Captain *Meriwether*, and others whom it may concern, that I have hired a certain *Charles Tyra*, an able bodied man, who is properly enlisted, and taken the oath of a soldier, who shall be sent to the Northward by the first opportunity to join the company and regiment to which I formerly did belong.

2‖ HENRY LEWIS.

WANTED, a master for the ship JANE, now lying at *Cumberland*, on *Pamunkey* river, loaded, and will sail the first favourable opportunity for *Europe*. She is a strong, tight vessel, well equipped, with a very commodious cabin. Good wages will be allowed, and a tun privilege.

WILLIAM AYLETT, A. C. V.

WANTED,

A SURGEON for the *Hero* galley, now lying at *Hampton*.

PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN, Capt.

HEAD QUARTERS near WILMINGTON, *September* 2, 1777.

BY direction of the Hon. Major General *Green*, the officers and soldiers of the fifth *Virginia* regiment now in *Virginia* are hereby ordered to join their regiment without loss of time, as several soldiers of the regiment were left in *Virginia* when the battalion left it, and some have since got furloughs. They must take the advantage of this publication, and join their regiment immediately, or expect to be apprehended as deserters, and treated as such.

JOSIAH PARKER, Col. fifth *Virginia* regiment.

WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 10, 1777.

THE subscriber having been lately appointed by Congress commissary general of purchases for the southern department, which comprehends *Virginia*, the *Carolinas*, and *Georgia*, gives notice, that he is ready to treat for fat cattle, pork, beans, pease, and vinegar, for the army of the United States, to be delivered at such times, during the fall and winter, as may be most agreeable to the sellers. And whereas I have been credibly informed that a number of people, pretending that they were employed to purchase for the army, have for some months past been busily engaged in the back country in forestalling cattle, either to avail themselves of the demand which the army may have for them, or for some inimical purpose, as I have also been informed that some of them have circulated quantities of counterfeit money, and that others had driven their cattle to the island of *Pasula*, at the mouth of *Susquehannah*, where they have fallen into the enemy's hands, I therefore think it my duty to guard all friends to *America* against them, by making it known, that by a resolution of Congress, no person can purchase on continental account, within my department, without authority from me; and I must here add, that if my countrymen attempt unreasonable exactions they will throw the advantage of these purchases (which Congress intended to make as diffusive as possible, by dividing the continent into four departments, and appointing a general purchaser in each) into the Eastern states, where cattle are had at present on much better terms than in this, and, salt being cheaper, provision may be easily cured. W. AYLETT.

☞ The subscriber apprehending that the appointment he has lately accepted from Congress will not admit of a due attention to the business of the commonwealth hitherto under his direction, proposes to give it up the 15th day of next month, and therefore requests the favour of all persons who have accounts with him, as agent or manager of the publick store, to come to an immediate settlement, and those who have demands to apply for payment. W. AYLETT.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN or STRAYED from the subscriber, the eighth instant, a dark bay horse about fourteen hands and a half high, four years old, and branded on the near buttock ○○○. He has a roached back, and a small star in his forehead. I will give the above reward to any person that will deliver him to me.

JAMES COCKE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 17, 1777.

STATE *of* New York, *July* 13, 1777.

SIR,

SOON after receiving your appointment (while I was about to leave camp for *Virginia*) I met with Col. *Hazen*, who generously offered me a majority in his regiment, provided his Excellency General *Washington* should approve of it. The General's consent being obtained, I instantly received a commission, and am now happily situated. This I thought proper to acquaint you with through the channel of a newspaper, as the uncertainty of letters succeeding at so great a distance makes it in a manner necessary, which in case of a miscarriage might prejudice the service, as you could not for a considerable time learn my situation and appoint another to succeed me. I am your obedient servant, TARLTON WOODSON.

Col. CHARLES M. THRUSTON.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Hanover*, two negro fellows, *viz.* LEWIS and PRINCE, the former was advertised some time last *May* by *John Wilson* to be delivered to the subscriber, and is a well set fellow about five feet six or seven inches high, has thick lips, and when spoke to a downcast look; had on when he went away a white hunting shirt, a pair of short breeches of tow and cotton, and a small hat. I expect he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, he having attempted to pass as such. *Prince* is an outlandish fellow, about six feet high, stout made, full eyed talks very fast, and not plain; had on a pair of sheep-skin breeches, a woollen jacket serge wove, striped in the filling with black and white wool, a white cotton shirt, and took another of the same kind with him, and had on a small bound black hat. He formerly was the property of mr. *Brown* of *King William*, and has been much used to the tending of gentlemen, and is well acquainted with most of *America*. I expect he will endeavour to get to *Howe's* army, as he has once attempted to join *Dunmore*. Whoever will deliver the said runaways to the subscriber shall have ten dollars for each, or half the sum for securing them in jail, so I get them again, I will sell or swap either of them, to any person they may incline to go to.

‖ NELSON ANDERSON, jun.

STRAYED from the ſubſcriber in *Williamsburg*, this ſpring, two black heifers, the one marked with a crop in the right ear, the other marked with a half underkeel in one ear, and I do not recollect whether any mark or not is in the other; alſo a brindled heifer, branded I H upon her rump, which is ſcarce perceivable; likewiſe twenty ſheep which ſtrayed away laſt fall, the greateſt part of them marked with a ſlit and underkeel in each ear, the others, as well as I recollect, had a crop in one ear, and a hole in the other. I will give two dollars reward for each of the heifers, and fifty ſhillings for the ſheep, or in proportion for any part of them, on ſuch information as I get them again.

JOHN JARAM.

FOR ſale, a tract of land in *Glouceſter* county, about two miles from the courthouſe, and the ſame diſtance from *Ware* warehouſe, containing by eſtimation 1000 acres, whereon are two plantations, on one of which is a good brick dwelling-houſe with two rooms on a floor, a new kitchen with two rooms below and two above, a meat houſe, overſeer's houſe, &c. likewiſe a very fine apple orchard, now in perfection. On the other plantation is a good overſeer's houſe, negro quarters, &c. and a good peach orchard. Poſſeſſion to be given at *Chriſtmas*, and terms may be known by applying to the ſubſcriber, living on the land.

MORDECAI THROCKMORTON.

ALEXANDRIA, *Auguſt* 30, 1777.

FOR ſale, a ſchooner now lying at this place, four years old, completely fitted for ſea, with new ſails, rigging, &c. Burthen about 250 barrels. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to

ROBERT M'CREA.

Fairfax county, Virginia, *Aug.* 27, 1777.

DESERTED from capt. *Thomas Weſt's* company of the 10th *Virginia* regiment, commanded by col. *Edward Stevens*, the following deſerters, *viz. Jeremiah Brown*, of *Fairfax* county, aged 28 years, 5 feet 11 inches high, ſlender made, dark complexion and eyes, by trade a carpenter. *Hezekiah Matteny*, aged 22 years, 5 feet 10 inches high, ſlender made, light hair, a ſhoemaker by trade. *James Madder*, aged 27 years, 5 feet 8 inches high, light complexion, cloſe made, a planter. *Henry Jones*, aged 17 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, ſlender made, light complexion, a planter. *Charles Potter*, aged 18 years, 5 feet 4 inches high, light complexion, cloſe made, a planter. *Davis Ratcliff*, aged 20 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, cloſe made dark complexion, a planter. *Edward Sheeks*, aged 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, cloſe made, light complexion, a planter. *John Hayly*, aged 23 years, 5 feet 8 inches high, cloſe made, dark complexion, a tailor. *John Smith* an *Engliſhman*, aged 30 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, cloſe made, dark complexion, a wheelwright. *John Williamſon*, aged 19 year, 5 feet 9 inches high, cloſe made, dark complexion, a planter. *William Roberts*, an *Iriſhman*, aged 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, light complexion, a planter. *William Anderſon*, an *Engliſhman*, aged 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, cloſe made, dark complexion, a planter. *George Johnſon*, an *Engliſhman*, aged 25 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, ſlender made, dark complexion, a blackſmith. *Joſeph Stouſton*, of *Loudoun* county, aged 28 years, 5 feet 10 inches high, ſlender made, dark complexion, a planter. *James Ruſh*, aged 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, ſlender made, light complexion, a planter. *Richard Crop*, of *Prince William* county, aged 18 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, cloſe made, dark complexion. One hundred and ſixty dollars reward will be given for the above deſerters, or ten dollars for each, if delivered to the commanding officer of the regiment, or to me in *Fairfax* county.

CHARLES LEWIS BROADWATER, lieut.

WANTED immediately, four or five hands acquainted with working up TIN SHEET into kettles and canteens, to whom generous wages will be given, by applying to the ſubſcriber in *Williamſburg*.

WILLIAM AYLETT.

SPOTSYLVANIA, *Auguſt* 12, 1777.

RUN *away from the ſubſcriber laſt night, a convict ſervant man named* William Rice, *born in* Shropſhire, Great Britain, *about 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, has a remarkable ſcar in his forehead, dark brown ſhort hair, alſo two ſcars on the inſide of one of his legs, very near each other, done with a knife croſswiſe the leg at the ſame time. He is a likely ſtrong man, very fond of liquor, and when drunk very quarrelſome, by trade a weaver and painter. Had on when he went away a cotton ſhirt, country cloth coat and jacket, warped cotton filled with wool twilled, all white, his breeches of coarſe country linen, brown thread ſtockings. He took with him other clothes, a hunting ſhirt, and ſome I cannot deſcribe. I have reaſon to believe he will change his dreſs and endeavour to paſs for a ſoldier, and will, I am certain, enliſt as ſuch the firſt opportunity. All recruiting officers, and others, are forbid enliſting or employing him. I will give 20 dollars to have him ſecured in any jail, or 10 l. if brought home.*

FRANCIS TALIAFERRO.

FOR ſale, in *Charlotte* county, about 12 miles from the courthouſe, and one from *Fuqua's* ferry, on *Staunton* river, 1000 acres of good land for tobacco, corn, wheat, flax, &c. well improved for 6 or 8 hands, whereon is a good dwelling-houſe with four rooms on the lower floor, two remarkable good chimnies, one brick and the other ſtone, a large garden, kitchen, dairy, and ſpring houſe, an exceeding fine granary, tobacco houſes, and a ſtill houſe with two ſtills, the houſes chiefly new, and well built, alſo apple and peach orchards ſufficient to make 500 gallons of brandy and 1000 gallons of cider, convenient to church, ſundry mills and fiſheries, there being ſeveral within two miles from the ſaid dwelling-houſe. Alſo 1113 acres of very good land in *Pittſylvania* county, about 25 miles from the above tract, unimproved, well timbered and watered, with exceeding fine range for ſtock. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe muſt apply to the ſubſcriber, now living on the *Charlotte* tract, before the firſt of *September*, as he will then ſet out to the ſouth, and not return till *Chriſtmas*.

8‖ THO: CARTER.

The ſaid land will ſtill be for ſale after *Chriſtmas*, if not purchaſed before *September*. T. C.

CASH, *BAR IRON*, or *CASTINGS*, will be given at *Marlborough* iron works for a number of labouring men to cut wood and other common employment, whoſe wages will be paid in either of the above mentioned articles as ſoon as their contracts are complied with.

ISAAC ZANE.

FREDERICK county, *Auguſt* 19, 1777.

RUN away the 21ſt day of laſt month, from the aforeſaid works, a ſervant man named *Henry Moncrieff*, born in *Scotland*, ſpeaks broad, and has been uſed to the ſea, is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, dark hair, thin ſpare viſage, large eyes, long noſe, down look, and his left arm much ſmaller than his right; his dreſs cannot be particularly deſcribed, as he went off from his work in the day time, and had on only a country linen ſhirt, tow trouſers, and an old felt hat, but it is ſuppoſed he has procured other clothes. Any perſon that ſecures ſaid ſervant, ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive *TWENTY DOLLARS* reward, and reaſonable charges if brought home. (8) ISAAC ZANE.

EDUCATION.

THE great want of publick ſchools for the education of youth, and the important advantages ariſing to the community from a proper cultivation of the human mind in its early ſtate together with the expectations of a recompenſe for diſcharging, with credit, ſo laborious and uſeful an undertaking, have induced the reverend mr. *Andrews*, and mr. *Swinton*, to form a reſolution, of opening a ſchool at the glebe in *Suſſex*, at *Chriſtmas* next. As a knowledge of *Latin* and *Greek* has always been judged neceſſary for ſome profeſſions in civil and active life, gentlemen who chooſe to ſend their children will have them inſtructed in thoſe languages after the moſt approved methods; and as teaching boys only theſe who are to be brought up to trade and buſineſs, or the mechanical arts, is rather ſpending their time to little purpoſe, they will be enabled to acquire a grammatical knowledge of their own tongue, and taught to read, with propriety, the beſt *Engliſh* authors, Writing, Accompts, Geography, the moſt uſeful branches of the Arithmeticks, and French. The ſtricteſt care will be taken of their morals, and decent behaviour; and they will be guided in the paths of religion, according to the doctrine of the church of *England*. The price of board in the neighbourhood is at preſent 12 l. a year, finding themſelves bedding. Tuition 5 l. a year, the one half to be paid at admiſſion, the other at the expiration of the year. 4‖

FOR ſale, the much celebrated *Childers*, as likely a ſtud horſe as any in *Virginia*; he is full large, his blood extraordinary good, and in full perfection. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe ſuch a horſe cannot be better ſupplied than by applying to the ſubſcriber in the lower end of *Louiſa* county. 4‖ JAMES DILLARD.

To be ſold at King *and* Queen *courthouſe, on the ſecond* Monday *in* October *next, being court day*,

A TRACT of land in this county, containing about two acres of high land, and about 48 acres of *Dragon* ſwamp, which is well timbered with cypreſs, &c. This land was purchaſed of one *Richard Wiatt*, by major *Harry Gaines*, deceaſed, and by the ſaid *Gaines* conveyed to the adminiſtrators of *John Robinſon*, eſq; deceaſed. GEORGE BROOKE.

FAIRFAX, Mount Vernon, *Sept.* 9, 1777.

THOSE getlemen who are indebted to the ſubſcriber, on bonds, are earneſtly requeſted to pay up the intereſt due on their ſeveral bonds. It would be very convenient and agreeable to the ſubſcriber if the gentlemen could diſcharge the principal; and it is expected they will do the juſtice to pay the intereſt. Thoſe who are indebted by dealings with mr. *Hill* will pleaſe to ſettle their accounts with him, as ſoon as poſſible. I will take young negro men or boys in payment.

JOHN P. CUSTIS.

N. B. Wanted, two likely MULATTO BOYS, of the proper ſize for poſtilions.

PETERSBURG, *Sept.* 4, 1777.

I HAVE in my poſſeſſion a ſmall boat, which was brought to this place by a certain *Matthias Williams* (alias *Hundley*) from *Glouceſter*, who was taken on his way down the river, having ſtolen flour on board, and in carrying him to a magiſtrate made his eſcape. The boat, I have been informed, was found in the bay ſome time paſt, by the ſaid *Williams* and others, who failed to advertiſe her. She is about 15 feet keel, and appears to have been built for a ſhip's longboat, though now decked and rigged in the manner of a ſloop. The owner on proving his property may have her of ‖ PETER R. BOOKER.